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Applicant: Hannon et al. Confirmation No.: 4804
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Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR RNA INTERFERENCE

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

Further to the interview of July 28, 2008 held with Examiners Vivlemore, Chong, McGarry and Schultz (hereinafter “the Examiners”), and in response to the Interview Summary dated August 6, 2008 as issued by the Office for related application 09/858,862, Applicants hereby submit this record of the substance of the interview, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b). No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this paper. However, in the event that any unforeseen fees are due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any such fee, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

During the interview of July 28, 2008, the undersigned, together with Applicants’ representatives, Mr. John Maroney, Dr. Drozdoff, and Professor Hannon, disclosed that the present application, and certain related applications, contain disclosure that appears to have been copied from the specification of International Patent Application PCT/US98/27233 (WO/99/32619, hereinafter the “Fire PCT”). Applicants’ representatives explained that the apparent and unauthorized copying had taken place, to the best of their information and belief, without the knowledge, consent or involvement of anyone at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. The undersigned advised the Examiners of Applicants’ intention to file an Information Disclosure Statement and associated declarations by Mr. John Maroney, Dr. Drozdoff, and Professor Hannon providing

further details regarding Applicants' investigation of the facts and circumstances relating to the copying. The Information Disclosure Statement and associated Declarations were subsequently filed with the Patent Office on August 22, 2008.

There was no discussion of specific claims, claim amendments, or the merits of the application during the Interview. Furthermore, other than the discussion of the apparent copying from the Fire PCT, there was no discussion of prior art during the interview.

Applicants believe that the above provides an accurate record of the substance of the interview of July 28, 2008. If any further information is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

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